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Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 08 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **Approx. 10 people on Parliament Hill, approx. 50-60 people on Wellington and surrounding streets.**

- **About 100 convoy trucks in downtown Ottawa have children staying inside: police.** [Link](#)
- Ottawa police ask for help as judge muffles horns. [Link](#)
- Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles. [Link](#)
- Protest supporters threaten tow truck operator for relocating protestors' shack. [Link](#)
- Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino. [Link](#)
- Ottawa declares state of emergency as police boost enforcement, target protest's fuel supply. [Link](#)

Windsor, ON:

- Reports indicate a demonstration affecting operations at the Ambassador Bridge Port of Entry.
- **Ambassador Bridge open for limited US-bound traffic in a single lane.** [Link](#)

Sarnia, ON:

- **As reported by Transport Canada, a group of protestors is amassing on the Canadian side of the border, with the intention of blocking and halting traffic.**
- **The Blue Water Bridge remains open, however heavy traffic diverted from the Ambassador Bridge is contributing to long wait times of over two hours for commercial vehicles entering the US.**

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
 - Downtown Winnipeg residents losing patience with convoy protest noise. [Link](#)
 - Anti-restrictions convoy holds steady outside Manitoba Legislative Building. [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- Demonstrators blocked all traffic at the Port of Entry overnight, however, traffic flow has since resumed.
 - Traffic moving again at Alberta's Coutts border crossing. [Link](#)
 - 'Not all individuals are following the law': RCMP has open investigations in connection with border blockade. [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- **Police resources have facilitated the departure of 6-7 trucks on 08 Feb.**
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 14 Feb.
- Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them. [Link](#)
- OPS has announced on social media that "Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway."
- OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- OPS additionally reports the following:

- Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto. Restrictions are in effect until 13 Feb.
- NOTAM in effect over Milk River, AB until 09 Feb; **the NOTAM over Coutts, AB has been extended to 16 Feb.**

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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